GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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STOCKHOLM CONVENTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Stockholm Convention identifies the incineration of waste as a major source of dioxins and furnace and recommends the use of alternate technology;

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are aware that dioxins and furnace are still manufactured in abundance in our country;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to phase out PVC which is known to be toxic throughout its life cycle, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) As per the Stockholm Convention , waste incinerators have been identified as one of the potential sourcesof release of dioxins and furans. The Convention has prescribed several measures to reduce or eliminate the unintentional release of these emissions. The Government has formulated a project on enabling activities with United Nations Industrial Developmental Organisation (UNIDO) to be funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF), for assessing the status of Persistent Organic Pollutants in the country..

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.